



# Quinault Indian Nation

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## 2023 SEASONAL REGULATION

### Quinault Sablefish "B" Fishery Regulation - 01 March 3, 2023

**Opening Date:** The ocean waters in the area described below shall be open for the "B" Fishery (open competitive) for the harvest of sablefish (blackcod) by authorized Quinault tribal fishers commencing at 12:01pm on Friday, March 10, 2023. No fishing gear shall be placed in the water prior to the opening date and time stated above.

**Closing Date:** The Quinault Nation's "B" sablefish fishery shall close when the cumulative sablefish harvest by members of the Quinault Indian Nation, Hoh Indian Tribe, Quileute Indian Tribe, and the Makah Indian Tribe is predicted to reach thirty-three percent (33%) of the treaty commercial TAC of 1,839,020 lbs. round weight. Using a conversion factor of 1.6 between round and dressed weight, the 2023 "B" fishery total is 379,298 dressed weight pounds.

**Area:** The area open for fishing to all tribal members shall be limited to all Pacific Ocean waters between Point Chehalis (46°53.30' N Lat.) and Destruction Island (47°40.10' N. Lat.), and due westward from shore no more than 30 nautical miles at any latitude.

**Gear:** Sablefish may be harvested with hook and line snap gear only. Harvest of sablefish with pots, traps, trawls, nets, or any method other than with snap gear is hereby prohibited. The use of streamer lines to prevent sea bird by catch is required for all vessels.

**OFFLOADING NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:** It is a violation to offload any ocean sablefish unless the following requirements have been met:

1. Vessel skipper is required to contact Taholah Police Department dispatch at **360-276-4423 (or 4424) before crossing east of the Grays Harbor bar** with ocean sablefish.
2. The skipper will provide the following information when they call: Time of arrival, estimated time of off-load, and location of off-load in Westport.

All calls will be logged by Taholah Police Department for proof of compliance and Fisheries Enforcement Officers will be notified. Failure to follow these requirements will be a violation of this regulation.

**Catch Reporting:** Sablefish shall only be sold to Quinault authorized commercial buyers. All sablefish harvested by Quinault fishers shall be reported on electronic fish receiving tickets within no more than 12 hours of landing. Sablefish retained by Quinault fishers for personal use shall be reported on electronic fish receiving tickets as ceremonial and subsistence harvest.

**Vessel and Gear Identification:** Vessels participating in off-reservation fisheries authorized by the Quinault Indian Nation shall be registered and numbered in accordance with Title 51 of the Quinault Tribal Code and the Nation's regulations governing the registration and numbering of fishing vessels. Numbers shall be displayed in a manner clearly visible from the air. All unattended gear shall be clearly marked with the fisher's tribal enrollment number.

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**Fisher Licenses and Identification:** Quinault tribal members who participate in the treaty Indian off-reservation ocean fisheries, or land or deliver fish harvested in such fisheries shall have in their possession a Quinault tribal identification card and a permit for the 2023 Quinault ocean fishery.

**Other:** A.) A member of the Quinault Indian Nation is prohibited from assisting in any manner whatsoever a member of any other tribe claiming a treaty right to the sablefish fishery regardless of whether the other tribe's claimed usual and accustomed fishing area overlaps the usual and accustomed fishing area of the Quinault Indian Nation. B.) All fishing by members of the Quinault Indian Nation shall be in accordance with all applicable Quinault tribal laws and regulations. C.) Trip limits, monthly harvest limits, and other management measures may be adopted during the season to achieve tribal harvest management objectives. D.) Fishers are advised to check for in-season modifications of these regulations.

*Jim Darmiento*

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